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Wide Awake Central Committee Rooms,

No. 814 BROADWAY.

New York, January 1861.

TO HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

President Elect of the United States.

DEAR SIR,

The "Wide Awake Central Committee," of the City of New York, at a meeting held on the evening of January 7, 1861, resolved to recommend to Hon. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President Elect of the United States, the appointment of Gen. J. H. Hobart Ward to the office of United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York. The Committee further resolved to appoint five of their number, to wit, Alexander McLeod, Frank W. Shephard, A. M. Coffin, George B. Van Brunt, and Lorin Palmer a Sub-Committee to forward the resolutions of the meeting to the President Elect, and confer with him in reference to the wishes of the Committee.

The Committee would respectfully call the attention of President LINCOLN to the following Preamble and Resolutions, expressive of the sense of the "Wide Awakes of this City."

Whereas, The Wide Awake Central Committee of this city, in common with all Republicans, look forward with satisfaction and delight at the prospect of an early change in the United States Marshal's Office, for the Southern District of New York. And

Whereas, It is highly desirable and absolutely necessary, that for the inauguration of a thorough and radical reform in the management of this office, and for the introduction of an honest, economical and energetic administration of this important post of our Government service;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this Committee take pleasure in presenting to President Lincoln, the name of their Grand Marshal during the late campaign, Gen. J. H. HOBART WARD, for the office of United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York; a gentleman to whom they can point with pride, a commandant strict, impartial, brave, a fearless and uncompromising friend of Liberty—who would bring to the discharge of the duties of the office for which he is urged, the business talents, strict integrity, and an exalted patriotism.

Resolved, That the Wide Awakes of this City take this occasion to again express their confidence and return their thanks to General Ward, for the very efficient aid which he rendered the City, State, and Nation, in the great struggle of liberty in the recent campaign, resulting in the triumphant election of LINCOLN and HAMLIN to the highest offices in the gift of the American people.

Resolved, That the Wide Awakes of this City respectfully ask the appointment of General WARD, as a recognition by the President elect of the services they were able to render, in rescuing the National Government from the power of the corrupt and profligate crew who compose the so-called Democratic party.

Resolved, That the services rendered the country by Gen. WARD during the late war with Mexico, eminently entitle him to the high consideration of the incoming administration, and will, we trust, be fully accorded to him.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five from this body be appointed by the Chairman, to use every effort to urge upon the President the wishes of this Committee in reference to General WARD.

President.

Secretary.

Wide Awake Central Committee of the City of New York.





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